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For: LEAK AND TEAR RESISTANT GRAFTS

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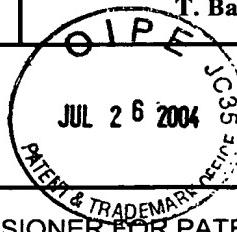
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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